

**Before the  
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
Washington, DC 20554**

<i>In the Matter of</i>	)	
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Section 63.71 Application of	)	WC Docket No. _____
	)	
Momentum Telecom, Inc.	)	
	)	File No. _____
For Authority Pursuant to Section 214 of	)	
The Communications Act of 1934, As	)	
Amended, To Discontinue the Provision of	)	
Service	)	

**SECTION 63.71 APPLICATION OF MOMENTUM TELECOM, INC**

Momentum Telecom, Inc. (“Momentum”) applies for authority under Section 214(a) of the Communications Act, as amended (“the Act”)<sup>1</sup>, and Section 63.71 of the Commission’s rules,<sup>2</sup> to discontinue Momentum’s provision of local exchange telecommunications services in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, South Carolina, and Tennessee.

Momentum provides the following information pursuant to Section 63.71 of the Commission’s rules:

1. *Name and Corporate Headquarters Address of Carrier*

Momentum Telecom, Inc.	FRN: 0005075403
880 Montclair Road, Suite 400	
Birmingham, Alabama 35242	

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<sup>1</sup> 47 U.S.C. § 214.

<sup>2</sup> 47 CFR § 63.71.

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2. *Date of Planned Service Discontinuance:*

Momentum plans to discontinue the services that are the subject of this Application on or after December 15, 2018, pending federal and state regulatory approval.

3. *Points of Geographic Areas of Service Affected:*

Momentum proposes to discontinue providing local exchange telecommunications services in the above-identified states. As of October 12, 2018, Momentum had approximately 2,719 customers in the target states, broken out as follows:

Alabama (533), Florida (19), Georgia (367), Kentucky (328), Louisiana (522), Mississippi (430), South Carolina (158), and Tennessee (362).

4. *Brief Description of Types of Service Affected and Reason for Discontinuance:*

Momentum proposes to discontinue service to retail local exchange service customers who are served via resale arrangements with AT&T. These customers were formerly “UNE-P” service customers who were transferred to AT&T resale arrangements in the mid-2000s. Momentum has continued to serve this dwindling customer base but it is no longer economical to do so. Also, providing retail telecommunications services is no longer part of Momentum’s business model. Because these customers are all served via the AT&T network, they should have AT&T retail service available to them when the Momentum service is discontinued, as well

as other service options such as cable voice over Internet protocol (“VoIP”) services and wireless.

5. *Brief Description of the Dates and Methods of Notice to All Affected Customers:*

On or before October 12, 2018, Momentum provided written notice of the planned discontinuance of the affected services to all of its customers consistent with Section 63.71(a) of the Commission’s rules.<sup>3</sup> A copy of the notice is attached hereto as Exhibit A. The written notice was provided to Momentum’s existing customers via U.S. First Class mail. In the notice, Momentum provided its planned date of discontinuance and notice of the availability of alternative service providers.

6. *Whether the Carrier is Considered Dominant or Non-dominant with Respect to the Service to be Discontinued.*

Momentum is considered non-dominant in all locations it serves with respect to the service that will be discontinued.

7. *Other Information.*

In accordance with Section 63.71(a) of the Commission’s rules,<sup>4</sup> a copy of this Application is being mailed concurrently with its filing to the entities listed on the attached certificate of service.

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<sup>3</sup> 47 CFR § 63.71(a).

<sup>4</sup> *See id.*

## Conclusion

The public convenience and necessity will not be adversely affected by the discontinuance of the services described herein. Momentum has provided the requisite notice to all its only customers, each of whom has access to several readily available substitute services. Therefore, Momentum respectfully requests that the Commission approve its Section 63.71 Application to discontinue the affected service.

Respectfully Submitted,

*/s/ Michael C. Sloan*

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*Counsel to Momentum Telecom, Inc.*

DATED: October 23, 2018

## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, Christopher Cook, do hereby certify on this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of October that a true and correct copy of the foregoing "Section 63.71 Application of Momentum Telecom, Inc" has been sent via U.S. mail, postage prepaid to the following:

Secretary of Defense  
Attn. Special Assistant for Telecommunications  
Pentagon  
Washington, DC 20301

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600 Dexter Avenue  
Montgomery, AL 36130

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**EXHIBIT A**

**CUSTOMER NOTICE**



October 12, 2018

## **YOU MUST CHOOSE A NEW LOCAL AND LONG-DISTANCE TELEPHONE SERVICE PROVIDER**

Dear Valued Momentum Customer,

Thank you for being a valued Momentum customer. This letter is to inform you that Momentum is changing its telephone service offerings and that effective on or shortly after December 15, 2018, Momentum will no longer be providing its current phone service in your community.

**Your action is required!** Because Momentum will discontinue all phone service as of December 15, 2018, you need to select a new telephone service plan as soon as possible if you wish to retain your current telephone number and assure continuity of service. You must also select a new long distance provider if you use Momentum for your long distance service. You do have the option to purchase local and long distance telephone service from other service providers in your area. A list of alternate service providers may be found in the front of your local telephone directory.

The proposed discontinuance of your local telephone service is subject to regulatory approval by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The FCC will normally authorize this proposed discontinuance of service unless it is shown that customers would be unable to receive service or a reasonable substitute from another carrier or that the public convenience and necessity is otherwise adversely affected. If you wish to object, you should file your comments as soon as possible, but no later than 15 days after the Commission releases public notice of the proposed discontinuance. Address them to the Federal Communications Commission, Wireline Competition Bureau, Competition Policy Division, Washington DC 20554, and include in your comments a reference to the § 63.71 Application of Momentum Telecom. Comments should include specific information about the impact of this proposed discontinuance upon you or your company, including any inability to acquire reasonable substitute service.

### **TAKE ACTION NOW**

Please take immediate action to select a telephone service provider on your choice. **If you do not switch your service to another provider before December 15, 2018, your service will be terminated and you may not be able to retain your current telephone number.** Please take action **NOW** to avoid interruption in your service. If you would like to transfer your service to AT&T you can contact them at (800) 288-2020.

If you have any questions, please call Momentum Customer Service at (800) 466-2210.

Sincerely,  
Momentum Telecom, Inc.